

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the claims. Claim 6 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-5, 8-14, and 17 have been amended. Applicants submit the amendments are supported by the specification and do not introduce new matter. Applicants submit the amendments to the claims place the claims in condition for allowance. After entry of the amendment, claims 1-5, and 7-23 will be pending. Claims 7, 15, 16, 18, and 20-23 have been withdrawn by the Examiner as drawn to a non-elected invention.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claims 1-6, 8-14, 17, and 19 are allowable over the cited prior art references.

Specification

The Office Action objected to the Abstract as being in an improper format. The Abstract has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-6, 8-14, 17, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants thank the Examiner for providing suggested amendments to the claims. Applicants submit the claims as amended fully comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected the specification under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Examiner noted that trademarks recited in the specification were not in a proper format. Applicants have amended the specification as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicants submit the specification as amended fully complies with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

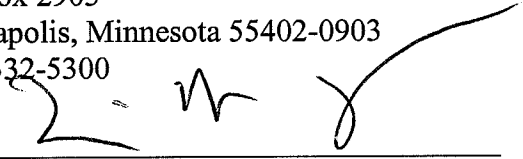
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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